

§ 1240.34

Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Maine.

(6) Every five years, the Board shall review the regions to determine whether new regions should be established. In making such review, it shall give consideration to:

(i) The average quantity of honey produced during the most recent three years;

(ii) Shifts and trends in quantities of honey produced;

(iii) The equitable relationship of Board membership and districts; and

(iv) Other relevant factors.

As a result of this review, the Board may recommend for the Secretary's approval the reestablishment of such regions. Any such reestablishment of regions shall be made at least six months prior to the date on which terms of office of the Board begin each year and shall become effective at least 30 days prior to such date.

(7) In nominating producer members to the Board, no producer-packer who, during any three of the preceding five years, purchased for resale more honey than such producer-packer produced shall be eligible for nomination or appointment to the Honey Board as a producer or as an alternate to such producer.

(8) The initial Committee shall within 90 days of the announcement of issuance of this order, or such other period as prescribed by the Secretary, submit in a manner prescribed by the Secretary the following nominations:

(i) One producer member and one alternate producer member from each of the seven regions established by the Secretary;

(ii) Two handler members and two alternate handler members from recommendations made by industry organizations representing handler interests;

(iii) Two importer members or one importer and one exporter member, and two alternate importer members or one importer and one exporter alternate member from recommendations made by industry organizations representing importer and/or exporter interests; and

(iv) One member and one alternate who are officers or employee of honey marketing cooperatives.

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(v) For subsequent years, the Committee shall submit its nominations to the Secretary one month before the new Board terms begin.

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§ 1240.34 Vacancies.

(a) In the event any member of the Board ceases to be a member of the category of members from which the member was appointed to the Board, such position shall automatically become vacant, except that if, as a result of the adjustment of the boundaries of the regions in accordance with § 1240.32(b)(6), a producer member or alternate is no longer from the region from which such person was appointed, such member or alternate may serve out the term for which such person was appointed.

(b) If a member of the Board consistently refuses to perform the duties of a member of the Board, or if a member of the Board engages in acts of dishonesty or willful misconduct, the Board may recommend to the Secretary that he/she be removed from office. If the Secretary finds the recommendation of the Board shows adequate cause, he/she shall remove such member from office.

(c) Should any member position become vacant, the alternate of that member shall automatically assume the position of said member. At its next meeting, the Honey Nominations Committee shall nominate a replacement for said alternate. Should the positions of both a member and such member's alternate become vacant, successors for the unexpired terms of such member and alternate shall be nominated and appointed in the manner specified in §§ 1240.30 and 1240.32, except that said nomination and replacement shall not be required if said unexpired terms are less than six months.

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§ 1240.35 Procedure.

(a) Seven members, including alternates acting in place of members of the Board, shall constitute a quorum; *Provided*, That such alternates shall serve only whenever the member is absent

from a meeting or is disqualified. Any action of the Board shall require the concurring votes of a majority of those present and voting. At assembled meetings, all votes shall be cast in person.

(b) In matters of an emergency nature when there is not enough time to call an assembled meeting of the Board, the Board may act upon the concurring votes of a majority of its members by mail, telephone, telegraph, or by other means of communication: *Provided*, That each proposition is explained accurately, fully, and substantially identically to each member. All telephone votes shall be promptly confirmed in writing and recorded in the Board minutes.

§ 1240.36 Attendance.

Members of the Board and the members of any special panels shall be reimbursed for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred when performing Board business. The Board shall have the authority to request the attendance of alternates of any or all meetings, notwithstanding the expected or actual presence of the respective members.

§ 1240.37 Powers.

The Board shall have the following powers subject to §1240.61:

- (a) To administer this subpart in accordance with its terms and provisions of the Act;
- (b) To make rules and regulations to effectuate the terms and conditions of this subpart;
- (c) To require its employees to receive, investigate, and report to the Secretary complaints of violations of this part; and
- (d) To recommend to the Secretary amendments to this part.

§ 1240.38 Duties.

The Board shall have, among other things, the following duties:

- (a) To meet and organize and to select from among its members a chairperson and such other officers as may be necessary; to select committees and subcommittees from its membership and consultants; to adopt such rules, regulations, and by-laws for the conduct of its business as it may deem advisable.

(b) To employ such persons as it may deem necessary and to determine the compensation and define the duties of each; and to protect the handling of Board funds through fidelity bonds;

(c) To prepare and submit to the Secretary for his/her approval, a budget on a fiscal period basis of its anticipated expenses in the administration of this part including the probable costs of all programs or projects and to recommend a rate of assessment with respect thereto;

(d) To investigate violations of the order and report the results of such investigations to the Secretary for appropriate action to enforce the provisions of the order.

(e) To develop programs and projects and to enter into contracts or agreements with the approval of the Secretary for the development and carrying out of programs or projects of research, development, advertising, promotion, or education, and the payment of the costs thereof with funds collected pursuant to this part;

(f) To maintain minutes, books, and records and prepare and submit to the Secretary such reports from time to time as may be required for appropriate accounting with respect to the receipt and disbursement of funds entrusted to it;

(g) To periodically prepare and make public and to make available to producers and importers, reports of its activities carried out, and at least once each fiscal period to make public an accounting of funds received and expended;

(h) To cause its books to be audited by a certified public accountant at the end of each fiscal period and to submit a copy of each audit to the Secretary;

(i) To give to the Secretary the same notice of meetings of the Board and subcommittees as is given to members in order that representatives of the Secretary may attend such meetings;

(j) To submit to the Secretary such information pertaining to this subpart as he/she may request;

(k) To notify honey producers, producer-packers, handlers, importers, and exporters of all Board meetings through press releases or other means;

(l) To appoint and convene, from time to time, working committees